

A.—Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—

(a) Date of commencement : May 1960.

Date of completion : December 1962.

(b) Rs. 79,600, no public contribution has been fixed exclusively for the buildings.

(c) Yes.

The Taluka Development Board, Khanapur.

### Distribution of Sugar in Belgaum District.

\*Q.—1069. Sri L. B. BIRJE (Khanapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an unequal distribution of sugar in the rural and urban areas of Belgaum District ;

(b) if so, the monthly quota per head distributed in the above district ;

(c) whether they are aware of the discontentment prevailing among public there due to the system of unequal distribution of sugar ;

(d) the action they propose to take for effecting equal distribution of sugar ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Sugar is distributed in accordance with the directions of the Government of India after taking into consideration the local conditions and requirements. Different scales have been fixed for urban and rural areas as was done when there was control over sugar last.

(b) Urban area 750 grammes per head per month. Rural area 250 grammes per head per month.

(c) Representations have been received that sugar might be issued in urban and rural areas at the same scale.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a) *supra*.

### Point of order *re* : Leakage of Budget proposals.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA (Suratkal).—I rise to a point of order. When the Budget proposals for the ensuing year are being formulated, is it in order for the Chief Minister to announce that there will be no taxation proposals for the ensuing year ?

MR. SPEAKER.—That is the policy of the Government. He can do so.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—The Budget is being formulated. It is a well-established convention not to leak out the Budget proposals of the ensuing year. Particularly, on the eve of the bye-elections in the

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State, is it proper for the Chief Minister to make such announcements? Either the Finance Minister has let it out to the Chief Minister or the Chief Minister himself formulates the Budget proposals. I want to know whether it is proper and is it not contrary to well-established conventions?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Maddur).—The point gets added significance on the eve of the bye-elections. I am only drawing the attention of the chair to the propriety of the statement made.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is not a point of order.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—Not for a moment, I agree with the point of order raised by my friend Sri Aikal.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Points of order do not require concurrence by any other member.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Just as the Chair is announcing that questions are over, where is the occasion for my friend to raise a point of order? To my humble belief, there is no point of order at all. Yesterday the chair was pleased to rule that the fact that particular matter was going to be included in the Budget or not did not bar the Chief Minister from making a statement to that effect on matters of policy.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—I do not understand why my Hon'ble Friend Sri Muckannappa wants to take the role the Speaker and rule out the point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Point of order was raised that the Hon'ble Chief Minister had mentioned certain things in the course of an address or speech that he delivered elsewhere that there would be no additional taxation. It is purely a matter of policy and policy can be changed at any moment. The policy prevailing today may not be the policy at any other time. If the Chief Minister has said any such thing, there is no point of order.

Secondly, before raising a point of order, I request the Hon'ble Members to go to the library study more and find out whether there is any support for the point of order, and not shoot up anything they like as a point of order.

So far as the Hon'ble Member Sri Muckanappa is concerned, he has certainly no right in saying that the Hon'ble member has no point of order and that he has raised a point of order in vacuum. The Assembly is never in a vacuum.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

### PRESENTATION.

Sri A. R. PANCHAGAVI.—Sir, I beg to present the Fourth Report of the committee on private Members' Bills and Resolutions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The report is presented.